Identification and Document Assignment

For this assignment you will be learning why we need the following identification and documents, as well as if you do not have these particular documents you will be able to obtain them.

Answer the following questions:

1. Name the identifications and documents we will be learning about (listed down a bit) and give a short description of why you should have them

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3. Fill in the chart below:

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| Document/ID | I have this | I need this | Where will I go to apply? | Cost $ |
| Photo ID |  |  |  |  |
| SK Health Card |  |  |  |  |
| Birth Certificate |  |  |  |  |
| Social Insurance # |  |  |  |  |
| Metis Status |  |  |  |  |
| Status Card |  |  |  |  |

# PHOTO ID CARDS AVAILABLE FROM SGI

* As passenger air travel in Canada commences, some Canadian airlines are now  requiring all travellers to provide photo identification before being allowed to board an aircraft. A photo identification card is available from SGI for all residents of  Saskatchewan, regardless of whether or not the individual is a licensed driver.
* Drivers or non-drivers can have their photo taken at any of the 450 SGI motor licence issuers throughout Saskatchewan. It currently takes three to  five days for an individual to receive their photo ID card in the mail.  However, if someone needs emergency service, SGI will process the ID card immediately and arrangements can be made for the individual to pick up the  card in Regina or Saskatoon, or it can be sent by courier on the same day.
* Individuals need to bring two pieces of ID displaying their name, date of  birth and signature to be eligible for the photo identification card. The  photo ID card is free of charge for individuals with a valid Saskatchewan    
  driver's licence. Non-drivers and drivers who require same day service may  be charged a small fee.

1. Saskatchewan Health card

Go to the following website and apply for your health card if you do not have one.

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/apply-for-health-card>

**Who should apply for a Saskatchewan health services card?**

* Anyone living in Saskatchewan
* All new Saskatchewan residents must register themselves and their dependants for a Saskatchewan health services card in order to be eligible for health benefits.
* New Saskatchewan residents are people who have relocated to Saskatchewan from another Canadian province/territory or from outside Canada, such as foreign nationals, international students and returning Canadians.
* You may complete the application for yourself, your spouse/partner and all dependants under 18 years old living with you in Saskatchewan.

1. **Birth certificate**

If you need a birth certificate go to the following web site and fill out the form

<http://www.vitalcertificates.ca/saskatchewan/birth-certificate/>

* VitalCertificates.ca.
* Required to establish legal identity, obtain a Canadian passport, apply for a health card, driver’s license, social insurance number, enroll in school, settle an estate or access pension benefits, Saskatchewan birth certificates can be ordered by proceeding to step 1 below.

.**Who Can Apply For a Saskatchewan Birth Certificate With This Application?**

This site is available for use by the legal profession and general public to obtain Saskatchewan Government approved and official certificates of birth issued by the government agency as an independent authorized agent.

Original or replacement birth certificates may be released to:

* + The person whose birth is registered; or
  + A person whose name appears as a parent on the registration of the birth; or
  + A guardian of the person whose birth is registered (custodial guardians must provide a copy of guardianship papers); or
  + If the subject is deceased, an executor for the estate (copy of Will must be submitted with application).

1. Social Insurance Number

**Applying For Your Social Insurance Number**

* Catalogue number SC-236-12-12E
* [Applying For Your Social Insurance Number… Fast, Simple, Secure! (PDF, 261 kb)](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/about/reports/sin/SC-236-12-12_E.pdf)

**Did you know?**

If you are a Canadian citizen, a newcomer to Canada, or a temporary resident, you need a **Social Insurance Number (SIN)** to work in Canada or to receive benefits and services from government programs.

A Social Insurance Number is issued to one person only. It cannot legally be used by anyone else. You are responsible for protecting your SIN. Be sure to store your SIN card in a safe place - don't keep it with you.

For more information on how to protect your SIN, please see our publication, [Your Social Insurance Number: A Shared Responsibility! (SC-237-10-09)](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sin/info/yoursin.shtml).

**Applying at a Service Canada Centre**

Service Canada has made it easy for you to apply for a SIN, to replace your card, or to amend your SIN record.

Take advantage of our improved service - it's **fast**, **simple** and **secure!** Plus, by applying in person at a Service Canada Centre, you won't have to send your personal documents in the mail. Simply gather all the [document(s)](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/about/reports/sin/applying.shtml#docs) you need and take them to your [nearest Service Canada Centre](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/cgi-bin/sc-srch.cgi?app=hme&ln=eng). If your application and documents are in order, you will get your Social Insurance Number **on the spot at the time of your visit**. You will receive your card in the mail within 10 business days.

If you do not have a Social Insurance Number go to the following web site and complete the form

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/about/reports/sin/applying.shtml>

1. Metis

<http://www.canadianmetis.com/Apply.htm>

**In order to receive a membership card you will need the following:**

· \*\*PROOF OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY\*\*

· A photocopy of your: 1. Birth Certificate, 2. Some type of government photo-ID (such as a Driver's Licence, Health Card, Passport or a Firearms Acquisition Certificate) - only one type of photo-ID is necessary.

· 2 recent colour photos of your face which must fit into an approx. 1 ½"h x 1" w space. (see attached application for actual size).

· A $75.00 Cdn cheque or money order made payable to: Canadian Métis Council.

· Be sure to sign the back of your card. (see attached application).

· Fill out the application form including the Aboriginal Ancestry Chart as complete and accurate as possible. If you have already been verified by another Métis organization you must still provide proof of Aboriginal ancestry for our records.

**Who is Métis?**

Métis are persons of mixed blood - European/Aboriginal blood (Indian ancestry); Someone who is distinct from Indian and Inuit, someone who has genealogical ties to Aboriginal ancestry.   
**Note**: There is no specified blood quantum.

**Who qualifies for a Canadian Métis Council Membership card?**  
**Children as young as 1 day old can apply for their Metis Status card.**

Anyone who self-identifies as a Métis, has community acceptance as a Métis, is not registered as an Indian or Inuit, has clear Aboriginal blood ties, and can prove their Aboriginal ancestry to the satisfaction of the Canadian Métis Council's verification process.

**Canadian Métis Council's Verification Process**

**You can prove Aboriginal ancestry by**:

· Genealogical Documentation - include at least one or more of the following which show some type of Aboriginal ties such as Métis, Halfbreed Indian, Non-Status Aboriginal, Inuit, Savage, Infidel, etc.

· Letters from Indian Affairs stating Indian Status or C31 Status of a direct relative.

· Photocopies of (Aboriginal's) birth, baptismal, marriage or death certificate or a photocopy of census records indicating Aboriginal ancestry or obituaries. (In all cases, please indicate your relation to that person)

· A photocopy of your ancestor's Indian Status card, band number written clearly (also indicate relation)

· Métis land records or script records, etc.

· Some type of historical documentation of your family name which states Aboriginal ties.

· A letter from an Elder in your community stating your acceptance as a Métis person by that Elder and the community.

· In cases of adoption, please give reasons why you feel you have Aboriginal ancestry. (You may qualify for your Métis card, however, your children will not qualify unless their other parent is Aboriginal)

**Who does not qualify for a Canadian Métis Council membership card?**

· You are registered as an Indian under the Indian Act or as an Inuk on an Inuit registry.

· If you have no Aboriginal blood ties. (Ex. If your spouse is Aboriginal and you are not - you do not qualify for a card)

**Important:** Before you grant permission for a family member to use your file as their proof of Aboriginal ancestry, it is important that you know they can use their file (which they got from you) as another relative's proof of Aboriginal ancestry. Note: in all cases, even if you are referring to a relative's file, you MUST complete (to the best of your ability) the application form and especially the "Aboriginal Ancestry Chart".

Should you require assistance or have any questions, please [contact us](http://www.canadianmetis.com/Contact.htm).

1. **Status card**

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032776/1100100032782>

[**Q.1) What is a Certificate of Indian Status or Status card and why does AANDCissue it?**](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032383/1100100032385)

First issued in 1956, the Certificate of Indian Status, more commonly referred to as a Status card, is an identity document issued for administrative reasons by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to confirm that the cardholder is registered as a Status Indian under the Indian Act.

[**Q.2) Who is eligible for a Status card and what is it used for?**](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032383/1100100032385)

Any individual registered as an Indian under the Indian Act is eligible for a Status card, regardless of age, and can apply for a card. The Status card is documentary evidence provided to registered Indians to facilitate access to a wide range of services and benefits administered by federal and provincial governments and other private sector program and service providers.

[**Q.3) Why do First Nations need a new card? Did they request it?**](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032383/1100100032385)

The Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) includes several security improvements to help protect First Nations individuals from identity theft while providing them with access to benefits and services. The existing Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) is either a paper-laminate or plastic card with very few of the security features now normally expected of a government issued identity document that provides access to benefits and services. This makes the card open to tampering and counterfeiting.

A project was initiated to address the need for increased security features on Status cards to reduce the risks of identity theft and forgery. This also helps to ensure the ongoing integrity of programs and services.